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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: August 20, 2003
Date/Time of Occurrence August 20, 2003 12:23 PM
Nature of Call Pursuit of stolen vehicle and arrest for Attempted Murder
Location of Call I-80 from Penryn to Applegate
Case Number
Released by Lt. Karl Fulenwider

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Dwayne Walls. 25 years old. From Rodeo CA.



At about 12:23 this afternoon, a citizen called CHP on their cell phone to report a reckless driver eastbound Interstate 80 in the Roseville area. After running the license number provided by the citizen, it was determined that the vehicle was stolen out of Solano County.

Placer County Sheriff's deputies caught up to the vehicle near Penryn. A vehicle stop was attempted between Newcastle and Auburn. The vehicle failed to stop and sped up to about 90 miles per hour. A pursuit was initiated, and continued through the city of Auburn on the freeway. CHP took over the pursuit in the Bowman area and CHP Air Operations were following the pursuit from the air.

A Placer County Sheriff's deputy deployed a "spike strip" on Interstate 80 at Bell Rd. As the suspect approached the spike strip, he attempted to run over the deputy. The deputy was able to dive out of the way and avoid injury.

The spike strip flattened at least one of the vehicle tires, and the vehicle ran off of the road east of Dry Creek Rd. CHP Air Operations personnel saw the suspect fleeing on foot up a hill into a treed area. Sheriff's deputies and CHP officers searched the area for almost two hours. The suspect, later identified as Dwayne Walls, was located hiding in thick brush by a Placer County Sheriff's K-9 team. Walls was treated for K-9 bite wounds before being booked at the Placer County Jail. He was booked on charges of Attempted Murder, Evading Arrest, Vehicle Theft, and Possession of Stolen Property, and has "No Bail".

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